WO-85 Old Paran Lodge, I.O.O.F Berlin private

The two-story, four-bay brick structure that marks the corner of South Main and Jefferson streets was erected by the local order of Odd Fellows with their meeting hall located on the second floor. The first floor was for many years the location of Joe Boston's general store. Now housing an antique shop on the first floor and an art studio on the second, the hip roofed building structure has had few changes since 1902. The intact Victorian storefront is marked by recessed entrances and flanking plate glass display windows. One of the most unusual features are the carved wooden letters and the three interlocking links marking the entrance to the fraternal lodge's meeting room. Significant to the interior is the intact pressed metal ceiling on the second floor.

#### HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: PARAM LONGE I.O. U. F
MHT Inventory Number: W0-95
MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:
<pre>1) Historic Period Theme(s):</pre>
ARCHITECTURE, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL  2) Geographic Orientation:  EASINAN SITONE
<pre>3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):</pre>
1870-1930 URAAN-INGUSTRIAN DOMINANCE  4) RESOURCE Type (s):  1. STANDING STRUCTURE
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city, town	Berlin	vicinity of	congressional district	First
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name	Edward H. and	Page Hammond, Jr	•	
street & number	313 South M	ain Street	telephone no	) <b>.:</b>
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The Paran Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows stands on the southwest corner of the intersection of South Main Street and Jefferson Street in the heart of the Berlin business district in Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, four-bay pressed brick structure faces northeast with the hip roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1902, the stretcher and common bond brick structure, four bays across by four bays deep, is covered by a slate hip roof with cross gables marking the street elevations.

The northeast (main) facade is an asymmetrical four-bay elevation with brick pilasters defining each bay. The first floor commercial front has been largely preserved with a recessed double door entrance flanked by large plate glass display windows. The paneled knee walls rest on granite sills. To the south is a separate recessed entrance with an adjacent display window and paneled knee wall. Stretching across above the display windows is an elaborate bracketed cornice that is now sheltered by a metal awning. The second floor, marked by four recessed bays, is lighted by large four-over-one sash windows with segmental arched headers. The arches consist of triple rows of rollocks and the windows are fitted with rusticated granite sills. Fixed in the center of the front wall beneath the bracketed metal cornice is a marble date plaque inscribed, I.O.O.F Hall, Paran Lodge, 1902. Atop the slate roof is a cross gable finished with a bracketed metal cornice and decorative slate shingles A protective metal ridge finishes the top of the within the tympanum. cross gable.

The north side of the building is marked by four recessed bays as well. The southernmost bay is filled with two glazed door openings surmounted by segmental triple rollock arches. Fixed above door to the second floor are letters carved of wood, I, O, O, F, as well as a wooden symbol of three interlocking links. The second floor is lighted by four four-over-one sash windows also fitted with segmental arches and granite sills. The bracketed cornice is the same as the front wall and a cross gable marks the roof. Piercing the cross gable roof is a narrow brick stove stack.

The rear and south side seven course common bond walls are less elaborately finished. The rear wall is an asymmetrical facade with a side four-panel rear door in the westernmost bay. The door is topped by a single-pane transom and it is flanked by a single-pane sash window. Piercing the second floor are three window openings. The south side, on the other hand, is an asymmetrical four bays with three single-pane sash windows on the first floor topped by double row arches. An interior side brick stack protrudes through the roof.

Perhaps the most distinctive interior feature is the pressed metal ceiling that survives on the second floor.

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8. Significance

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Paran Lodge of the International Order of Odd Fellows in a prominent two-story, four-bay brick structure that defines the center of Berlin, Worcester County, Maryland. The pressed brick exterior has had few changes since the early twentieth century and retains an intact Victorian storefront of recessed entrances and plate glass display windows. Fixed at the top of the front wall is a marble date plaque inscribed, I. O. O. F. Hall, Paran Lodge, 1902. Extant above the northern rear entrance are wooden letters and three interlocking wooden links that represent the fraternal order. Also noteworthy is the slate hip roof, cross gables, and metal cornice that trims the perimeter of the roof. Inside, the second floor pressed metal ceiling is perhaps the most significant feature.

### 9. Major Bibliographical References

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- 8-28-74 FWH 448/357 Ellen Whaley Patton personal representative for estate of Addie Byrd Henry Carey
- 4-6-20 ACR 1/231 described in will of Adeline Henry Byrd
- 5-29-02 FHP 17/42 a 99 yr. lease to Paron Lodge No. 64 of I.O.O.F. from Adeline H. Byrd.

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# HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APR 10 1984 APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

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Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification me been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form, if additions side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this app ate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.	al spece is needed	l to complete Part 1, use the reverse
PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE		
1. NAME OF PROPERTY: Odd Fellows building	<del>,</del>	
Address of property: Street Corner Jefferson and South Main Street		
City Berlin county Worcester State MD		Zip Code 21811
Name of historic district in which property is located: Berlin Commercial District		
2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:		
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)		
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Date of construction (if known): 1902 ZOriginal site D Moved Date of a	Iterations (if know	vn): Minor
4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:		
Name Edward H. Hammond, Jr. and Thomas J. Patton Tenants i	n Partner	ship
212 Couth Main Church		
	MD.	21 01 1
City Berlin	_ StateMD	Zip Code 21811
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code (301) 289-3553		
I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am of Signature		perty described above.  Date 4/10/84
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## DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE CONT'D

Entry to the second floor is from the outside on the Jefferson street side. A wide stained and varnished pine stairwell leads from the ground floor landing to a second floor outeroom. The building is in excellent physical condition with most original clements intact. The only significant alterations have been partitions installed to create bathrooms and storage space. These partitions have not altered the character of the major 1st and 2nd floor spaces.

## STATEMENT OF GISNIFICANCE CONT'D

was constructed in 1902 by the International Order of Oddfellows. Its most recent owner before its sale to the applicant was the Brotherhood of Redman and their Sisterhood Auxilliary.

WO-85

Date:

Building Name: Paron Lodge #64, L.O.O.F. Bldg. Public/Private Access

#### Description:

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The commercial portion of the building retains the original wood framed plate glass windows and doors. The windows of the second floor are 4/1 sash with segmental arches. The hipped roof is slate covered and has gabled pediments sheathed with polychromed scalloped slate on the principal (east) and north facades.

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#### INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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#### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is of pivotal significance to the Berlin Commercial District. By its location on South Main it is a point of reference and also helps to frame the streetscape. It is related by scale, design quality and materials to the core buildings of the district. It is significant furthermore as a unique architectural expression in Berlin, is one of the few detached early buildings and retains its original design integrity.

#### 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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#### 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Site 85 on survey map.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

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**III** FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kenneth T. Pribanic, Consultant	August 1979
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Mayor and Council  STREET & NUMBER  10 Williams Street	365481-2770
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
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3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION

OPEN TO PUBLIC

NO

Although the Paran Lodge of the I.O.O.F. is a late building, it is a good example of late Victorian architecture. It is a two-story, all stretcher bond brick building with hipped slate roof, four bays long and four bays deep.

The first story of the Main Street facade is used for shop windows. Apparently it was built for two shops, the one on north having two large plate glass windows flanking a double door and the other with a door on the extreme south end of the facade with a single large window next to it.

The upper story is divided into four equal areas by pilaster strips, each area having a window with segmental arch and a vertically divided upper sash. Beneath the cornice in the center of the building is a limestone plaque inscribed 5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered NO Interior

with PARAN LODGE, I.O.O.F., 1902.

The main cornice is made of tin and has egg and dart moldings between brackets. On each slope of the hipped roof

is a pediment faced with decorative slate and having a tin (see reverse side)

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

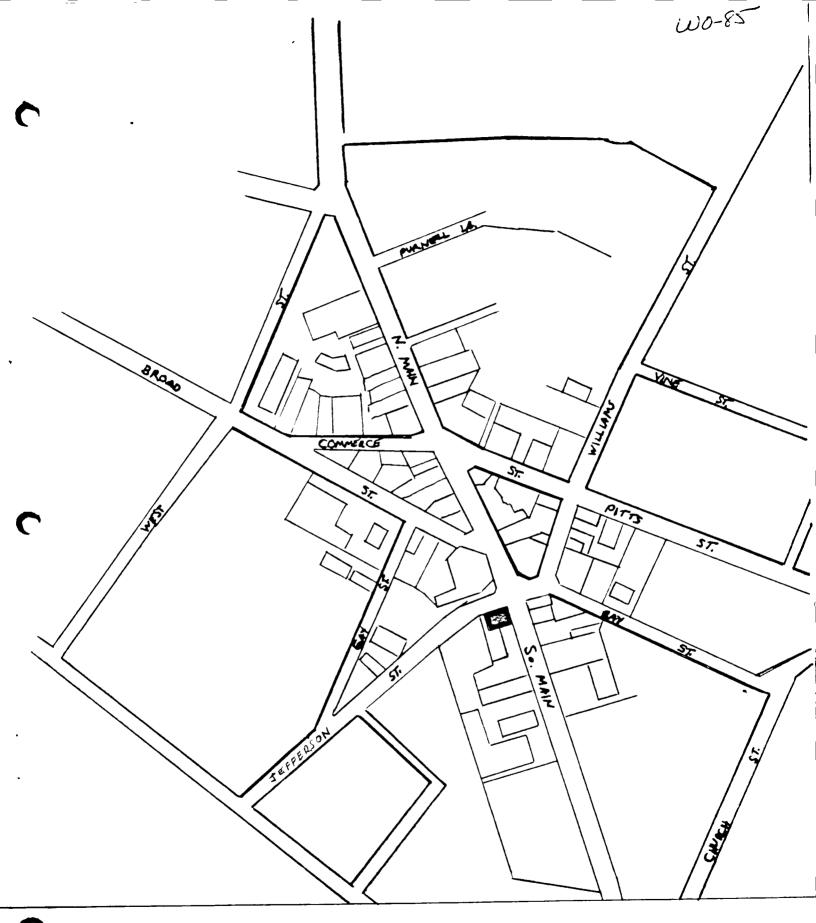
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9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Michael Bourne Maryland Historical Trust

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